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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 05492

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MASS, MPOL, PO, NATO  
SUBJ: PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION

REF: STATE 034978

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AS DIRECTED REFTEL, EMBOFFS MADE  
APPROACHES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MOD TO ENCOURAGE  
FRENCH TO COME FORWARD WITH OFFERS OF MILITARY ASSIST-  
ANCE TO PORTUGAL. PROSPECTS FOR ANY MEANINGFUL FRENCH  
ASSISTANCE APPEAR BLEAK. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 4.  
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END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ON COUNSELOR FOR NATO AFFAIRS AT QUAI  
D'ORSAY AND REVIEWED WITH HIM PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERN-  
IZATION NEEDS. QUAI OFFICER AGREED WITH VALIDITY OF  
EFFORT TO ATTEMPT TO AVOID FURTHER POLITICIZATION OF  
PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. QUAI OFFICER CONTINUED THAT

PROBLEM CONFRONTING GOF IS THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION IN BUDGET FOR GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. GOF HAS INCREASED NUMBER OF GRATIS PILOT TRAINING BILLETS FOR PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE, BUT CONTEMPLATES NO OTHER ACTION.

3. CHIEF ODC MADE PARALLEL APPROACH TO DELEGATION MINISTERIALE POUR L'ARMEMENTS (DMA) DIRECTION OF DEFENSE. DMA WAS LIKEWISE AWARE OF PORTUGUESE NEEDS, BUT INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF FUNDS, NO HARDWARE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FOR PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. FRENCH REPS WILL BE INTERESTED IN CONCRETE OFFERS MADE BY OTHER ALLIES AT MARCH AD HOC MEETING, BUT AT PRESENT HAVE NO PLANS OR AUTHORITY TO COMMIT GOF TO ANY MEANINGFUL ACTION. FRANCE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE HAPPY TO SELL ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH PORTUGUESE MAY DESIRE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: COPIES OF LISTS WHICH DOD SUPPLIED TO FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL.)  
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